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ACTION

Industrial Workers of the World

An Injury To One - Is An Injury To All!

GLOBAL MAY DAY

International Workers Day!

This year IWW Ireland participated with other revolutionary unions across the world as part of the **Global May Day** events and actions, to help promote our international solidarity as a union. As part of this international event different IWW areas took part in a series of actions to promote the idea of **Global May Day (GMD)** on International Workers Day, 1st May.

As part of the annual call to action, our union helped organise events on the local and regional level. Here in Ireland local areas took part in a number of banner drops, street exhibitions and street art. Street actions such as sticker/postering, as well as our online music event in conjunction with IWW Scotland.



DERRY



BELFAST



GALWAY



DUBLIN

Members of the I.W.W Dublin gathered in town to celebrate international workers day. A spokesperson said "Branch members performed a banner drop beneath the statue of Jim Larkin on O'Connell Street. After that we moved on to Liberty Hall for a picture with fellow wobbly, James Connolly.

"Despite the occasional questioning by passing members of An Garda Síochána, an member of the far-right and a few Covid-deniers giving us hassle, the day passed without incident and was a great opportunity to meet other branch members after so long in lockdown."



Banner-drops in Galway highlighted much needed solidarity with Debenhams Workers across the country who remain on the picket lines one year on from their initial actions to demand in full, all wages owed to them by Debenhams bosses. One IWW member told Direct Action that "Recent solidarity actions have been seen on the picket lines by the workers themselves as a vital boost to their continuing struggle."

IWW IRELAND: CELEBRATING MAY 2021

MAY DAY ACTION: IWW STREET EXHIBITIONS IN BELFAST & DERRY

IWW May Day Street exhibitions took place this year in both Belfast and Derry as part of planned May Day events organised by several local branches.

This was another way in which we could do some street activity and meet other workers making use of the great May Day weather. One Wobbler member from Derry said that "It made good discussion points during the day as to why the IWW are completely different from that of the 'business unions'."

"We weren't there looking for votes or the cameras to smile at but to remember May Day as a day when we as workers remember our past struggles as well as those to come. For those of us who took part we wanted to highlight ourselves as a fighting union which was created by and for workers, not political parties or paid officials."



INSIDE OUT

Incarcerated Workers Organising Committee has members across the country, who play a vital role within the IWW in an effort to support and show solidarity with members on the inside. Our work forms part of ongoing outreach to incarcerated workers across Ireland and discussing issues important to those on the inside.

To date we have slowly increased contact with prisoners who have been relating news directly affecting their daily lives from Covid-19 health concerns to workplace issues. From health and safe, training and areas of educational.

IWOC members are currently creating a Zine with news, writing, poetry and art, created by and for incarcerated workers.

If you are an incarcerated worker or you have a relative on the inside who you think would be interested then consider getting in touch and getting organised with other IWOC members on the inside.

Facebook: IWOC Ireland

Online: onebigunion.ie/iwocireland

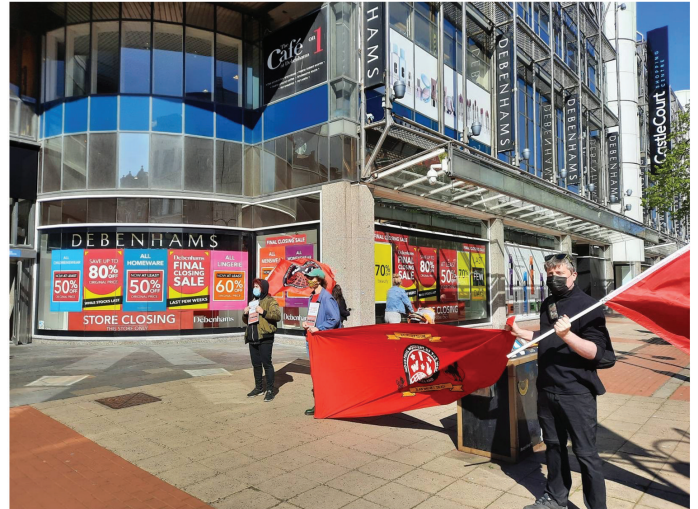
Or you can write to:

IWOC P.O. Box 346, Derry, BT48 4FZ, Ireland.

DIRECT ACTION SUBMISSIONS

If you have an issue, a story, a short news article or would like to advertise an event from your area then please remember to submit it to **Direct Action**. You can send your submissions directly to **Direct Action** to ireland@iww.org.uk

MAY DAY ACTION: BOYCOTT DEBENHAMS!



IWW members took part in a solidarity action outside Castle Court in Central Belfast earlier as Debenhams attempted to sell out stock removed from stores across the southern network. A spokesperson for the IWW union in Belfast said "Today's action was a gesture of workers solidarity with Debenhams workers fighting to receive their full redundancy package. Money that is rightfully theirs. We spoke to members of the public since the doors opened in Castle Court in order for everyone to know that they should know hiding places for those who try to deceive or hoodwink workers."

"The stock on sale at this store was forcibly removed from stores across the South. Gardai and security for KPMG broke pickets to smash and grab stocks to sell off here today despite first paying the former Debenhams workers what is rightfully owed to them."

"No matter what hype and glitter Debenhams put on this 'grand sale' today, we know and now the people of this city know that you can't polish a turd. Those who listened as to why we were taking solidarity action here, quite rightly walked away and decided to spend their money at other stores."

"For ourselves, we know they (Debenhams bosses) received the message loud and clear that Belfast fully supports Debenhams workers demands. From the picket lines in Belfast today, we extend our solidarity to those workers in Galway, Dublin, Cork and Tralee who continue the fight, stay strong. An injury to one is an injury to all!"

IWW CONTACTS IN YOUR AREA

Members in each area meet each month to discuss, support and organise activity locally.

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